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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no knowledge of any representation having been made.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know how many persons are intended to be housed in the estate?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The proposal is to construct about 59 huts. The original estimate was for Rs. 32,000. The estimate was altered and raised to Rs. 39,000 and it is proposed to construct the huts with tiled roof.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, arising out of the answer 9-10 a.m.
given by the Hon. Minister, I would like to know whether in each of the houses constructed only one family will be housed or a number of families will be housed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : A hut is supposed to house only one family.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : இம்மாதிரி அரசாங்கத்தின் வேலைகளையெல்லாம் ரிவிஷன் பண்ணவேண்டிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதற்கு முன்னதாக சிமெண்ட் உயர்ந்த பட்சம் ரூ. 87-க்குத்தான் விற்றது. மத்திய அரசாங்கம் அதை எடுத்துக் கொண்ட பிறகு அதன் விலை ரூ. 102-க்கு உயர்ந்து ரூ. 15 அதிகமாக விற்கப்படுகிறது. இந்த அரசாங்கத்திற்கு ஆயிரக்கணக்கான டன் சிமெண்ட் வேண்டியதாக இருந்தும் கூட இவர்கள் அதிகமாக பணம் கொடுத்து வாங்குகிறார்கள். அதுதான் இந்த வேலைகளின் ரிவிஷனுக்குக் காரணமா? மராமத்து இலாகா சம்பந்தமான வேலைகளினால் இந்த ரிவிஷன் காரணமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : உடனடியாக அதைப்பற்றி ஒன்றும் சொல்ல முடியாது. வேலைகளை ரிவிஷன் பண்ணுவதற்கு அதுவும் ஒரு காரணமாக இருக்கலாம்.

Supply of electric energy in the Tiruvallur Municipal area

* 346 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. Vinayakam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that electric energy is supplied for twenty hours in a day in Kadambathur area in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, whereas it is only for ten hours in a day in the Tiruvallur Municipal area ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that on receipt of a petition on 17th May 1956, the supply period has been raised from ten hours to fifteen hours in the Tiruvallur Municipal area?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) During the last power cut period beginning from 1st April 1956, the restriction of grouping of agricultural and other rural L.T. power loads into two batches and affording supply to each batch for 10 hours in the day was enforced in hydro-electric

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areas including the area in Chingleput district receiving Mettur power. On a representation from the agiculturists of Kadambathur area on 2nd April 1956, instructions were issued to restore the supply for agricultural consumers in that area to 20 hours a day to save the standing crops and this was given effect to from 4th April 1956. On a similar representation from the agriculturists of the Tiruvallur area on 17th May 1956, supply to that area was increased to 15 hours a day with effect from 18th May 1956, keeping in view the deteriorated power position existing then and also the requirement of the agriculturists. The above restriction is not now in force either in Kadambathur area or in the Tiruvallur Municipal area.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: The Hon. Minister was telling that the number of hours had been increased. May I know, Sir, what portion of the increase falls during day and what portion falls during the night? I hear complaints often that the number of hours is more during the nights, which is quite useless for the agriculturists.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: I have no information on this point. This is a general question. If a separate question is put, I shall answer. The question under reference concerns two areas in which there was an increase. We reduced the hours in all places to ten hours. Wherever there was a representation from the people, and we could also afford an increase, taking into consideration the serious condition of the crops, we relaxed the restriction to a certain extent. That is why in one place we increased the number of hours to 20. Afterwards people from another area came and made representations to the Government. At that time, the position in the hydel reservoirs had deteriorated. So we increased the number to 15 hours. I have not got information with reference to the number of hours during the day and during the night. Invariably the increase is given during the nights, I am told.

Schemes for developing water ways

* 347 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have cancelled the schemes sanctioned for the Second Five-Year Plan costing about one crore of rupees, for developing communications through rivers, canals, etc., for the benefit of commerce and trade in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Preliminary Draft Proposals for the Second Five-Year Plan of the State in which a scheme for excavating a connecting canal between Badagara and Azhikkal at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs was included. In